### Why State Prek?

As outlined in <u>Public Support of</u>

<u>Prekindergarten Education for School</u>

<u>Readiness in Nevada (2000)</u>, school

readiness has become increasingly more
challenging and urgent for Nevada. Recent
research findings have confirmed that the
early experiences of young children
permanently shape their brains and impact
their chances for success in education and
life.

State-funded prekindergarten for 4-yearolds has grown by leaps and bounds in recent years, up 40% in the last five years alone. A major reason for this points to strong evidence that high-quality prekindergarten for young children living in low-income families has beneficial longterm effects and solid return on investment.

"For every dollar invested in preschool education, \$17.07 is returned to society." (High /Scope Perry Preschool National Study)

Research indicates strong evidence that high quality Pre-K programs lead to higher school achievement; decreased costs related to special education and retention; higher adult earnings; and decreased crime involvement. The economic returns for these programs are up to 16 times as great as the original investments.



# Why State PreK? (continued)

The top five ingredients of successful Pre-K programs have been found to include (\*and also highlighted under NV PreK requirements):

- Serve children living in low-income families
- 2. Have enough qualified teachers and provide them with ongoing support
- 3. Use a validated, interactive child development curriculum
- 4. Spend substantial time with parents
- 5. Confirm program implementation and effects on children's development

#### History of NV State PreK:

First funded during the 2001 Nevada Legislative Session, NV PreK's major goal is school readiness for Nevada's prekindergarten children by providing high quality early education while supporting parent involvement as outlined in Public Support of PreKindergarten Education for School Readiness in Nevada (2000). Each year over 900 children and families in ten school districts and community-based programs across the state are served.

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# Nevada Department of Education





Nevada
State Funded
PreKindergarten
Education
Programs

Building a foundation for school readiness and success in K-12 and beyond.

## Nevada Prek Requirements & Guidelines

- All Early Childhood Education (ECE)/PreK teachers must have an EC license or ECE endorsement.
- All programs must utilize the approved NV Pre-K Content Standards.
- Class sizes and child/staff ratios must not exceed National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) recommendations:
  - 3-yr olds= 16:2; 4-yr olds= 20:2; and 5-yr olds= 25:2.
- All programs must use Early Childhood and Parenting Outcome Indicators in order to demonstrate the effectiveness of the program.
- Children enrolled in the program must be under Kindergarten age (5 years old on or before September 30) and within the traditional Pre-K age of 3-5 years old.
- Programs primarily serve families who are low-income and/or are learning English as their second language.
- All programs must be a minimum of 10 hrs/week.
- A parental involvement component must be administered in conjunction with the Pre-K program.
- All programs must participate in the statewide program evaluation system (annual and longitudinal).

#### Program and Service Delivery Models:

All programs provide instruction using research-based curriculum programs, such as High Scope, Creative Curriculum, Curiosity Corner, California Early Literacy Learning (CELL), and CORE Curriculum. A typical classroom is staffed with at least one certified ECE teacher and one or more aides and is in session 4 to 5 half-days per week, following a traditional school year.

# Nevada State PreK Programs 2012-2013

Nevada Department of Education (NDE) awards competitive grants to school districts and community based organizations for early childhood education programs. Programs currently receiving funding for FY2012-13 with number of classrooms in parentheses include:

#### CARSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (2)

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#### ELKO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (2)

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#### MINERAL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (1)

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#### PERSHING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (1)

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